



FTS/AME CAREER PATH (AW)



The Aviation Structural Mechanic – (Safety Equipment) (AME) maintains and repairs utility systems throughout the aircraft. They work on systems such as air conditioning, heating, pressurization and oxygen, plus multiple safety devices.

YEARS OF SERVICE	CAREER MILESTONES	AVERAGE TIME TO PROMOTE	COMMISSIONING OR OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS	SEA/SHORE ROTATION	TYPICAL CAREER PATH DEVELOPMENT
26-30	AFCM	22.3 Yrs	CMC	36	Follow on Shore Tours
23-26	AFCM AMCS	22.3 Yrs 19.3	CMC, CMD SCPO, CWO	36	4 th Sea Tour Billet: Prod/Maint LCPO/CMC/ Dept LCPO. Duty: Squadron/AIMD/Staff. Qualification: SEA.
20-23	AFCM AMCS AMEC	22.3 Yrs 19.3 13.4	CWO, CMC, CMD SCPO	42	3 rd Shore Tour Billet: Staff LCPO/Prod LCPO/SEA/CSC. Duty: TYCOM/AIMD/NAR. Qualification: SEA.
16-20	AMCS AMEC AME1	19.3 Yrs 13.4 8.9	MECP, OCS, LDO, CWO, CMD SCPO, Equal Opportunity Advisor, Drug and Alcohol Counselor	48	3 rd Sea Tour Billet: Maint LCPO/Dept LCPO/QA. Duty: Squadron/Wing Staff. Qualification: SEA.
12-16	AMCS AMEC AME1	19.3 Yrs 13.4 8.9		42	2 nd Shore Tour Billet: Instructor/Staff/ Div/Prod/Maint CPO/ Command Chief. Duty: Fleet Replacement Squadron/AIMD/NAR. Qualification: SEA, LCPO MTS.
8-12	AMEC AME1 AME2	13.4 Yrs 8.9 4.7		48	2 nd Sea Tour Billet: Maint Tech/WC Sup/QA/LPO. Duty: Squadron. Qualification: EAWS/LPO.
4-8	AME1 AME2 AME3	8.9 Yrs 4.7 4.4	MECP, STA-21, Naval Academy, NROTC, LDO	42	1 st Shore Tour Billet: Maint Tech/WC Sup/Instructor/QA. Duty: NAS/AIMD/NAR. Qualification: EAWS, MTS.
1-4	AME2 AME3	4.7 Yrs 4.4		48	1 st Sea Tour Billet: Maint Tech/Plane Captain/ CDI/Maint Turn Qual. Duty: Squadron Qualification: EAWS.
1+/-	AMEAN AMEAA Accession Training	9 Months			Recruit Training (8 weeks)/ 'A' School (9 weeks)/'C' School for aircraft platform or AIMD billet.